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1. The Political Commission of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCCh) has been disturbed by the strength shown by the Junta Nacional de Empleados de Chile (JUNECh). Apart from the fact that the JUNECh is composed largely of Radical members and has shown little interest in Communist collaboration, its growth has revealed a trend in the Chilean labor movement which is a cause of great concern to the PCCCh. The Party has noted signs of syndical unity which transcends party lines, and is disturbed by that development. The JUNECh has shown no inclination to follow the dictates of the Radical Party, its majority political component, but in some cases had made the executive committee (the CEN) of the Radical Party follow the syndical line.
2. A similar situation where syndical unity has become stronger than party loyalty is also becoming apparent among the ordinary labor unions and is noted with dismay by the PCCCh. The Political Commission fears that a continuation of this trend may result in the eventual formation of a corporate state in which the labor organizations, rather than the political parties, will become the dominating force.
3. The Political Commission of the PCCCh also recognizes, to its chagrin, that the Party policy of forming "relations" or "coordinating committees", in which the Communists played down their political ideology while stressing the necessity of labor unity, has done much to encourage this tendency, but has not produced the desired result of reuniting the various labor organizations into a powerful, Communist-controlled labor central similar to the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Chile (CTCh) of former days.\* The Political Commission concedes that the outlawed PCCCh is in no position at present to seize control of the resurgent labor movement but believes that the same is true of the Socialist, Falange Nacional, Social Christian Conservative and Radical Parties.
4. The greatest fear of the Political Commission of the PCCCh is that General Carlos Ibanez del Campo, who has managed to crystallize popular discontent against the government and to become the outstanding leader of the opposition, may be able to lead the growing labor movement toward a type of "fascism" strongly opposed to Communism.

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5. The Political Commission of the PCCh considers the present situation to be so grave that lower-ranking Party members, with long experience in the labor field, are being consulted as to the best means to combat this potential danger to the Party.
6. It is noted that although Edgardo Maass Jensen, Oscar Waisse Panda, and Clotario Blest Riff, the most important JUNECh leaders, constantly attack the Communist Party, the anti-government propaganda leaflets distributed by the JUNECh are almost identical to those put out by the Communists in format, composition, and illustration. The JUNECh, like the Communists, is advocating a sliding wage scale adjusted every three months in accordance with the rise in the cost of living.

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**Comment.** There is reason to believe that the Communists, through their policy of establishing "relations" or "coordinating" committees, have managed to infiltrate Party members into strategic positions in the JUNECh and other organizations of white collar workers.

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